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FOREWORD

I have had in mind for some time, to prepare a family tree and short biography and history of the family, and have, from time to time, been gathering data for that purpose. I had intended only to have a few typed copies for the immediate family, but when I got Sonnes' book, "Drangedal and Turdal", and the chart of the ancestors, I thought the chart so unique it was worth while to have it printed and I believe the chart and early history, though brief, will be very interesting. Much credit is due Hon. Olav Sannes for his contributions to this book in drafting the chart. It shows much painstaking work. He is representing his people as representative in the Storting (congress) at Oslo, and is a double second cousin of ours. Prof. Nicholas Gunderson, of Sparta, Wis., kindly furnished the data for the Wisconsin branch of the family. Mrs. Nora Easton kindly did the typing and C. M. Nelson furnished substantial financial assistance to have it published. I hope that after the book has been read through it may find a place in the book case, where it may be handy as a reference for its statistics.

Nos, where father and mother were born, and lived until 1845, is situated about twenty-five miles inland from Kragero, in a valley called Drangedal (dal means valley). The buildings cluster up under "Nos Nibbin", a steep mountain with Nos Van (Nos lake) in the foreground, with the farm land between (see picture). In 1400 Nos was spelled Nos; in 1600, Noss; in 1800, Naas. To facilitate pronouncing Naas, I have adopted the original way of spelling the name—Nos—pronounced the same as nose.

In going from Kragero to Nos, you pass through Sanidal to Merkebekk. From here you follow the lake shores of Hildala and Tokke and Kjilen, on roads built by the government, better than our gravel roads, but narrow and very crooked with sharp turns, to Prestestranden, where a small village has sprung up in recent years. Here is where the church is located, where father, mother and grandparents were baptised, confirmed and married. I happened

to be there when they had a mission meeting last fall, with about four hundred in attendance. From Prestestranden the valley runs northeast past Nos and Turdal valleys, northwest. The new railroad from Kragero to Oslo was opened in December with a station about a mile from Nos. There are five home owners on the old estate, and with all the buildings it looks like a little village. At present there is a small store and a postoffice there. By examining the chart you will notice that the oldest branch of the family came from Turdal. Herren (Lord) Halvard Graatop Roalstad, a chieftain, later Vrolstad and now Volstad. Two of his descendants, Volstad and Wefald, have been members of congress.

Nos is mentioned in Sonnes' book as early as 1448, but our family did not have possession of Nos until the sixteenth century, when Gunar Knutsen from Tvit came to Nos. It continued in the possession of the family until 1845, when father sold it to come to America.

Other branches of the family are Rev. Tyke Jensen, a Danish preacher; Solberg and Tveit. They were always freeholders or "Bonders".

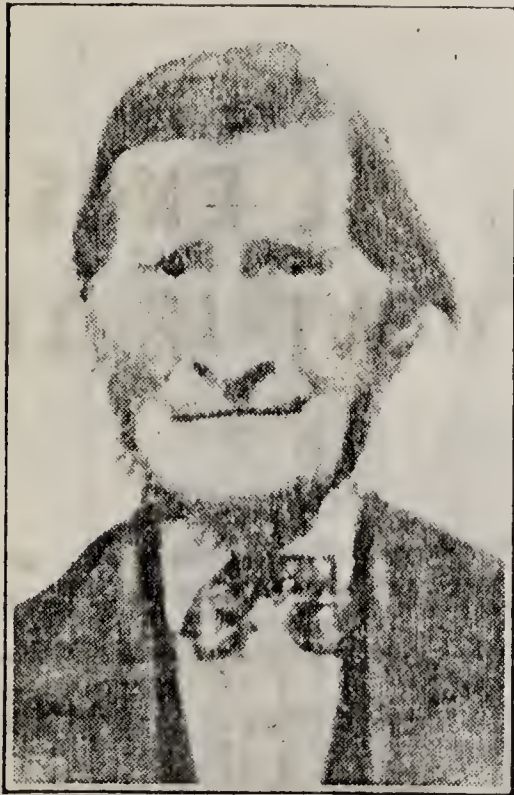
This section of Norway depends to a great extent on the export of lumber. When lumber prices are good times are good, and when low, times are hard, which is the situation there at this time. No market for lumber, and the community is bankrupt. The population of this community, as given by Sonnes, was, in 1350, 100; in 1664, 385; in 1781, 1,120; in 1900, 2,667.

The first steamboat on Lake Tokke ran July 1, 1864. This, and another built since, will not have much to do when the new railroad is finished. Great changes have taken place in eighty-three years. Then the only mode of travel to church, seven miles away, was by boat in the summer and sleighs or skates over the frozen lakes in winter. Now one can go by train or auto on fine roads.

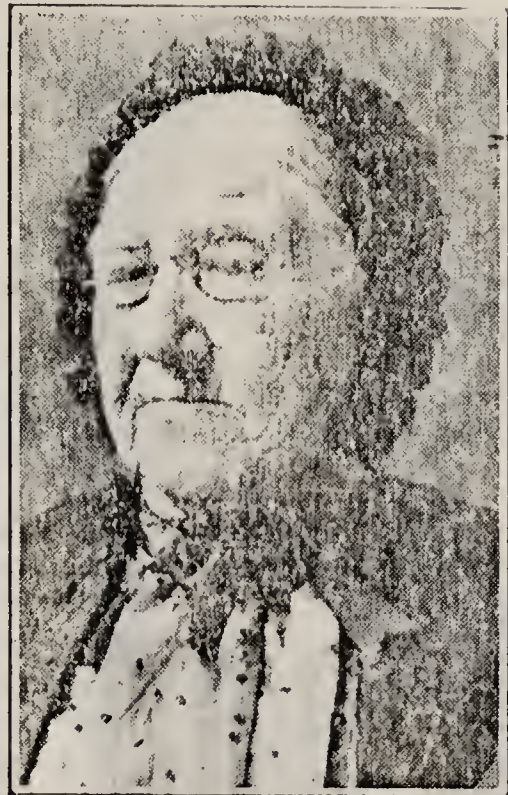
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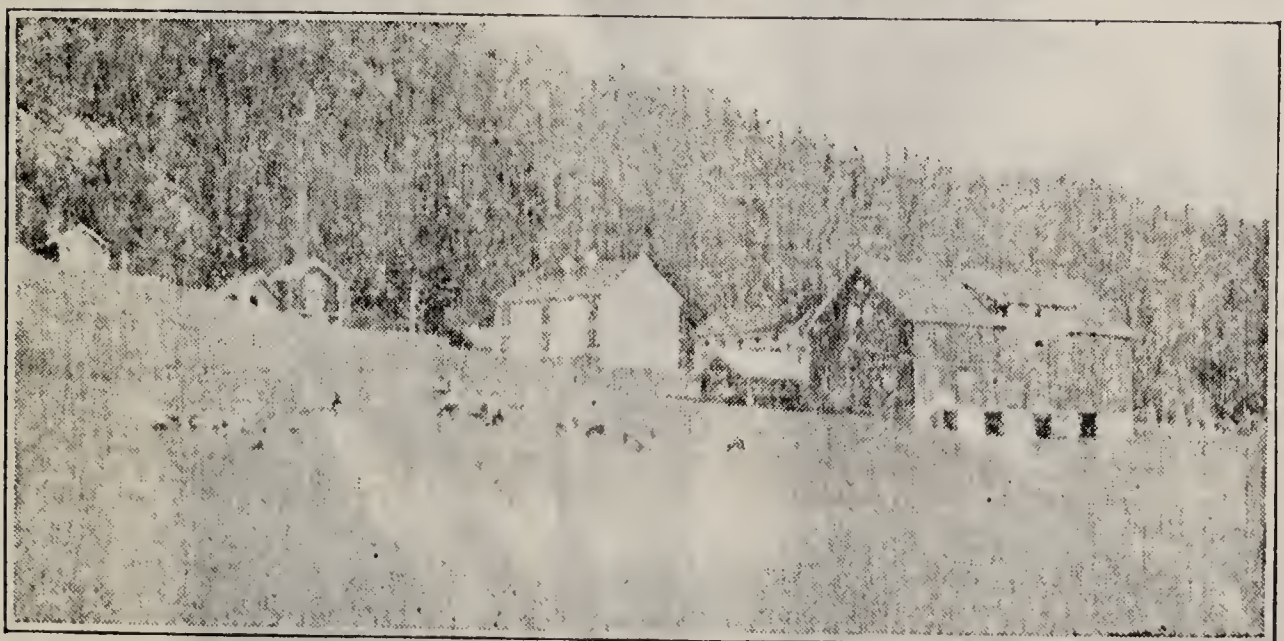
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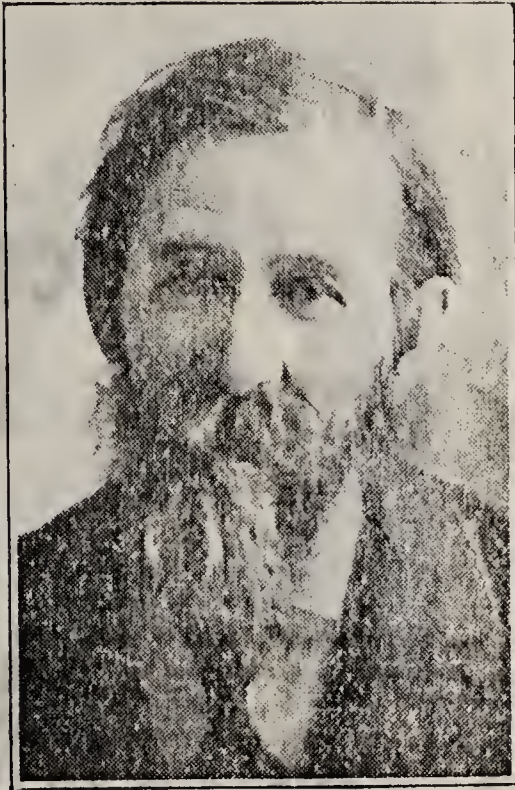
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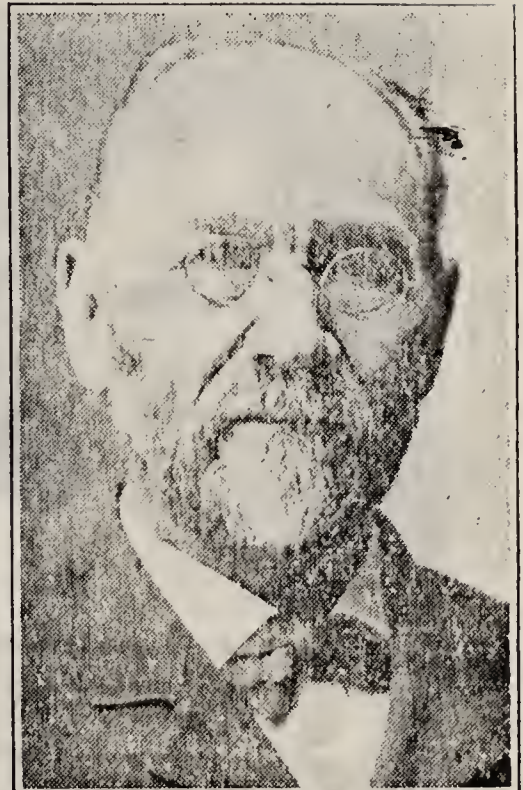
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The Ancestral Home, Drangedal, Telemarken, Norway

THE NELSON FAMILY



Nils Gunderson
1835-1913



Lewis G. Nelson
1841-1907



Andrew G. Nelson
1851-



Christian M. Nelson
1853-1928

THE NELSON FAMILY

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Martha Nelson Leuthold
1856-1907



Emma O. Nelson Lord
1859-



Mina L. Nelson Holmen
1862-

FOUNDERS OF THE NELSON FAMILY IN AMERICA

1. GUNDER NELSON NOS. Born July 30th, 1802; died April 28th, 1872.

2. Married first to Kjersti Marie Nelson Dahl; born Feb. 6th, 1806, Farsjo, Sanidal; died Jan. 4th, 1837. Children:

Marte Torine, born Oct. 3rd, 1832; died at Rock River settlement May 7th, 1847.

A (II) 1. Nels, born March 1st, 1835; died at Rock River, Jan. 23rd, 1913.

3. Married second time to Karen Marie Wefald. Do not know date of birth. Died April 25th, 1839. They were married Oct. 11th, 1838. No children.

4. Third wife, Asberg Oline Tykesen Nos. born June 23rd, 1819; died Sept. 20th, 1912. Children:

B (II) 2. Lewis G., born May 9th, 1841; died Aug. 21st, 1907.

Kjersti Marie, born Dec. 15th, 1842; died Jan. 15th, 1846.

Karen Marie, born Aug. 12th, 1844; died Oct. 2nd, 1846.

Kjersti Marie, born May 22nd, 1849; died April 7th, 1852.

C (II) 3. Andrew G., born Mar. 17th, 1851.

D (II) 4. Christian Martin, born May 17th, 1853; died Feb. 27th, 1928.

E (II) 5. Martha Leuthold, born Oct. 18th, 1856; died Mar. 6th, 1907.

F (II) 6. Emma Oleana Lord, born Feb. 14th, 1859.

G (II) 7. Mina Louise Holmen, born Aug. 11th, 1862.

Father and mother, with five children, grand father, grandmother and daughter, Marie, left the old home in Norway, in the spring of 1845, and came by sailing vessel to New York, thence by canal boat

to Buffalo and by sail boat up the lakes to Milwaukee, and by ox team and on foot thirty-five miles west of Milwaukee, where they bought a farm, with a small log house on it, for \$800, located on the east bank of the Rock River. They had only a few neighbors, among the Indians, where cholera and malarial fever were a constant menace for several years.

With sickness and death and hungry emigrants all around them, crying for assistance, the considerable means brought with them from Norway, where they had enjoyed a nice home and all comforts, was soon materially diminished, as their hospitality was well known. Their home was always filled to the utmost capacity, for shorter or longer periods.

One summer, father and Uncle Ole were the only ones in the neighborhood to care for the sick and to bury the dead, so the trials of pioneer life, as recited by mother, were severe in the extreme. While father was busy building, and digging stumps and stones, to get the patch of ground ready for cultivation, mother burnt the tallow dip, needle in hand, making clothes for men, women and children. You could not go to the store and buy anything ready made at that time.

While mother was busy with the housework, grandma took care of us children and she was so good to us, the dear old soul, she could not scold, no matter what we did. No wonder we children adored grandma, and she was so grateful for any little favor shown her, and appreciated anything we would do for her.

Father and mother surely did a great deal for the newcomers, and it has been my privilege to hear from the lips of some of those who were befriended in those trying times, their appreciation and gratitude, expressed in more eloquent terms than flowers could signify, and I deem it a great heritage for children to enjoy the high esteem their parents were held in.

After living on the farm for twenty-three years we came to Kasson, Minn., April 2nd, 1868, where father died two years later.

When we came to Kasson father invested part of the money received for the farm in partnership with Lewis, and built a home with the rest, the firm being G. Nelson & Son. This was about three years after the Civil war, and in the readjustment period when prices were on the toboggan slide, and in a few years the investment was practically gone. Then mother had another siege to go through for a few years, as most of the children were not old enough to be self-supporting, and the outlook was not so bright at times. But mother never gave up and kept the children all at home, each doing what he could to keep the wolf from the door and keep up appearances, and it pleased her to live to see all her children do well and she enjoyed her declining years visiting among her children, always ready and able to go, although handicapped by not being able to see well enough to read during the last few years, and her hearing being poorer toward the last. Mother was much interested in the church and was, with the family, instrumental in organizing the Kasson congregation. Her name may be seen inscribed in the Lutheran church bell at Kasson.

Rev. N. Brandt was our pastor in Wisconsin. He shared the hardships of pioneer life with early settlers. An intimate friendship between the families resulted and continued. He made us many visits here before mother died.

When grandpa and Aunt Marie died, not very long after coming to America, grandma had expected to live with Uncle Ole, who had grandpa's farm, but she did not feel at home there and wanted to live with us, which she did until she died. Our maternal grand mother's maiden name was Marken Olsen Kurdala; she was born in 1794 and died in 1877.

The only relatives on the paternal side of the family now living, as far as I have been able to find out, are, a second cousin, Nels Knutson Nos, who lives on one of the places on the old Nos estate and a Storthings man, Olad Sonnes, of Hamoia, Norway, and the Gabriel Olsen family.

On the maternal side there are the children of Knut, Ole and Elling.

GUNDERSON FAMILY HISTORY

A 1. NILS (NAAS, or NOS as now used on the maps) GUNDERSON, one of the pioneers in the Rock River settlement, was born in Drangedal, Norway, Mar. 1st, 1835. He came to America at the age of ten with his parents, Gunder and Asper Naas Nelson, in the spring of 1845. The trip across the ocean was made in a sail boat called the "Oleous", in seven weeks and two days. This was regarded as breaking all records for speed up to that time. The trip from New York to Milwaukee was made by way of the Erie canal and the Great Lakes. They drove from Milwaukee to the banks of the Rock River with oxen, a distance of thirty-five miles. Here they chose to cast their lot, and with a few other early pioneers, they became the nucleus of the Rock River Norwegian settlement and congregation.

A 2. ANNE CORFELD. On June 15th, 1861, Mr. Gunderson was married to Anne Corfeld, daughter of Ole and Eli Corfeld, who were among the pioneers who braved the frontier life and blazed the way for the future state.

Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Nils Gunderson, three sons and seven daughters. Only two sons are now living.

A (III) 1. Caspara, born Mar. 22nd, 1862; died Nov. 5th, 1901.

A (III) 2. Ella, born Feb. 17th, 1864; died May 13th, 1897.

A (III) 3. Nellie, born May 26th, 1866; died April 14th, 1910.

A (III) 4. Gunder, born May 18th, 1868.

A (III) 5. Olaf, born April 9th, 1870; died April 11th, 1870.

A (III) 6. Asper, born Mar. 10th, 1871; died Feb. 27th, 1877.

A (III) 7. Tina, born Mar. 11th, 1874; died May 13th, 1896.

A (III) 8. Nicholas, born Nov. 5th, 1876.

A (III) 9. Nettie, born April 24th, 1879; died Mar. 18th, 1905.

A (III) 10. Alma, born May 17th, 1881; died Sept. 11th, 1884.

On June 15th, 1911, Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on the farm where they had lived all their married lives. On that occasion Rev. N. Brandt, who performed the marriage ceremony fifty years before, was present and gave one of the addresses.

Mr. Gunderson was always interested in schools and in education and was always ready and willing to further any worthy cause to the full extent of his means and ability. He was a loyal member of the Lutheran church and was always eager to promote its interests and extend its influence.

He died on Jan. 23rd, 1913, at his home on the farm near Ixonia, where he had lived for fifty-two years. Interment was in the Rock River cemetery. Rev. C. J. Nolstad and Rev. O. I. M. Wilhelmsen officiated at the funeral service.

A (II) 1. MRS. ANNE GUNDERSON, wife of Nils Gunderson, was born in Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, Mar. 17th, 1839. As a little girl of six years of age, she came to America with her parents, Ole and Eli Corfeld, in the spring of 1845. The trip across the Atlantic was made in seven weeks in a sail boat called the "Presiosa". When they reached New York there was great rejoicing, for they had made the trip in record time and had beaten the "Oleous", which was considered one of the fastest boats, by two days. They reached Milwaukee, by way of the Erie canal and the Great Lakes, on Aug. 10th of the same year.

Milwaukee, at that time, was only a small village built in the swamp along the lake. From there they made their way through the woods on foot and with oxen to the west bank of the Rock River, a distance of thirty-five miles from Milwaukee. Here they built their log house, which was to become their home in the new world.

On June 15th, 1861, she was married to Nils (Naas) Gunderson and moved to the farm, near Ixonia, where she lived for sixty-two years. Ten children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson, three sons and seven daughters. One of her sons and her seven daughters preceded her in death.

Mrs. Gunderson's whole life was lived for others. She was always planning to make others happy and comfortable. She was a member of the Rock River Lutheran church, and her highest aim in life was to remain true to her early faith and Christian ideals. When the summons came on Sunday morning, May 27th, 1923, she was willing and ready to meet her Pilot face to face. Interment was made beside her husband in the Rock River cemetery, Rev. R. A. Harrisville officiating.

A (III) 1. CASPARA GUNDERSON was born Mar. 22nd, 1862. She was married to Otto Rasmussen, of Rock River, July 3rd, 1888, and died Nov. 5th, 1901. Six children were born to them, all of whom are living at the present time.

A (IV) 1. Timon Norton, born Oct. 24th, 1890.

A (IV) 2. Alvin Myron, born Jan. 14th, 1893.

A (IV) 3. Vilas Leonore, born Feb. 15th, 1895.

A (IV) 4. Carlyle Archibald, born June 17th, 1897.

A (IV) 5. Rollin Abner, born June 12th, 1899.

A (IV) 6. Laurene Jeanette, born Oct. 16th, 1901.

A (III) 2. ELLA GUNDERSON was born Feb. 17th, 1864. She was married to Edward Solveson, of Toland, Wis., Mar. 9th, 1887, and died May 13th, 1897, near Ada, Minn. Five children were born to them:

A (IV) 7. Annie Adelia, born Dec. 16th, 1887; died May 18th, 1900, at Rock River at the home of her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nils (Naas) Gunderson.

A (IV) 8. Harvey Norman, born April 27th, 1890; died June 10th, 1918, in Belford, France.

A (IV) 9. Walter Alvin, born July 22nd, 1892.

A (IV) 10. Alfred Norton, born Jan. 26th, 1896.

A (IV) 11. Ellsworth Martin, born April 18th, 1897; died April 28th, 1903, at the home of his grand parents.

A (III) 3. NELLIE GUNDERSON was born May 26th, 1866. She was married to Otto Solveson, of Toland, Wis., on Jan. 28th, 1890. She died at Rock River April 14th, 1910. Five children were born to them:

A (IV) 12. Alma Adelia, born Aug. 2nd, 1890; died May 11th, 1905.

A (IV) 13. Herbert Norris, born May 7th, 1892.

A (IV) 14. Raymond Clifford, born Aug. 15th, 1896.

A (IV) 15. Vera Eleanor, born Nov. 23rd, 1899.

A (IV) 16. Earl Howard, born Mar. 14th, 1902; died in March, 1902.

A (III) 4. GUNDER GUNDERSON, who is now in charge of the "Gunderson farm", was born May 18th, 1868. He was married Aug. 21st, 1901, to Ida Josephine Johnson, of Alderly, Wis. Three children were born to them:

A (IV) 17. Sylvia Arlene, born June 13th, 1902.

A (IV) 18. Norris James, born Dec. 15th, 1905; died Dec. 25th, 1905.

A (IV) 19. La Vergne Lenora was born May 17th, 1908, and died at the Union Memorial Hospital in Baltimore, Md., Mar. 22nd, 1925.

A (III) 8. NICHOLAS GUNDERSON, who is now superintendent of city schools at Sparta, Wis., was born Nov. 5th, 1876. He was married on Aug. 21st, 1913, to Ruth Isabelle Gray, of Fond du Lac, Wis. One child has been born to them, Robert Gray Gunderson, A (IV) 20, on Oct. 3rd, 1915.

A (III) 9. NETTIE GUNDERSON was born April 24th, 1879. She married Ellis Rasmussen at Rock River July 18th, 1900, and died Mar. 18th, 1905, at Monterey, Wis. One child was born to them, Frances May Corrinne, A (IV) 21, on Sept. 7th, 1901.

A (IV) 1. TIMON RASMUSSEN, son of Caspara (Gunderson) and Otto Rasmussen, was born Oct. 24th, 1890, and was married to Marie Janisch June 28th, 1917. Marie died Mar. 28th, 1919.

Timon married Alvina Marion Solveson on June 14th, 1921. One child has been born to them, Lois Annette, A (V) 1, on Sept. 7th, 1925.

A (IV) 2. ALVIN MYRON RASMUSSEN, son of Caspara and Otto Rasmussen, was born Jan. 14th, 1893. He was married to Genevieve Bonnany, of Brest, France, in July, 1918. One son, Nathaniel Gerard, A (V) 2, was born to them on Oct. 6th, 1920. Alvin served as second lieutenant during the World war.

A (IV) 3. VILAS RASMUSSEN, son of Caspara and Otto Rasmussen, was born Feb. 15th, 1895. He was married to Gladys Peterson, of Racine, Wis., April 25th, 1925. Two sons were born to them, Richard Vilas, A (V) 3, on Feb. 7th, 1926, and Peter Davis, A (V) 4. Vilas served in the World war.

A (IV) 4. CARLYLE RASMUSSEN, son of Caspara and Otto Rasmussen, was born June 17th, 1897. He was married to Verna Schubel, of Waterford, Wis., June 25th, 1924.

A (IV) 5. ROLLIN ABNER RASMUSSEN, son of Caspara and Otto Rasmussen, born June 12th, 1898. Student at Red Wing Seminary.

A (IV) 6. LAURENE RASMUSSEN, daughter of Caspara and Otto Rasmussen, was born Oct. 16th, 1901. She was married to Rudolph Mickelson at Faribault, Minn., on April 22nd, 1922. One daughter, Carol, A (V) 5, was born to them in August, 1925, and a son, Rodney, A (V) 6, was born on Feb. 12th, 1928.

A (IV) 8. HARVEY SOLVESON, son of Ella and Edward Solveson, served in the World war and

was among the first soldiers to go overseas. Died in France June 10th, 1819, and was buried there. Later his body was brought to Oconomowoc for burial.

A (IV) 9. WALTER SOLVESON, son of Ella and Edward Solveson, served in the World war and was among the first soldiers to go overseas. He was severely wounded in the Battle of the Marne. Married Alice Thorstensen.

A (IV) 10. ALFRED SOLVESON, son of Ella Gunderson and Edward Solveson, was born Jan. 26th, 1896. He was married to Grace Wyland, of Oconomowoc, Wis., on May 12th, 1917. Grace died Feb. 17th, 1925.

A (IV) 13. HERBERT SOLVESON (Roswell), son of Nellie Gunderson and Otto Solveson, was born May 7th, 1892. He was married on Feb. 1st, 1926, to Alice Callahan, daughter of State Superintendent of Public Instruction John Callahan. He served in the aviation section during the World war and was commissioned second lieutenant in the Signal Reserve Corps (flying status).

A (IV) 14. RAYMOND SOLVESON (Roswell), son of Nellie and Otto Solveson, was born Aug. 15th, 1896. He was married to Grace Evans, of Glenn Falls, N. Y., on Dec. 21st, 1921. Raymond served in the World war. One son, Raymond, A (V) 7, was born to them in 1926, and a daughter, Jean Marie, A (V) 8, was born Feb. 6th, 1928.

A (IV) 15. VERA SOLVESON (Roswell), daughter of Nellie and Otto Solveson, was born Nov. 23rd, 1899. She was married on June 30th, 1926, to Dr. Russel La Bier, of Terra Haute, Ind.

(It might be well to explain here that the children of Otto and Nellie Solveson adopted the farm name of "Roswell".)

A (IV) 17. SYLVIA GUNDERSON, daughter of Gunder and Ida Gunderson, was born June 13th, 1903. She was married to Alfred Sorenson, of Oconomowoc, Wis., on May 20th, 1925. One daughter, Marjory Elaine, A (V) 9, was born to them on April 7th, 1926.

B (II) 2. LEWIS G. NELSON, born in Norway May 9th, 1841; died Aug. 21st, 1906. He came to America with his parents in 1845, had no school advantages; worked in a store in Oconomowoc, Wis.; enlisted in the army in 1861 and served until the close of the war. He was promoted from time to time to a captaincy.

After the war he came to Kasson and engaged in the mercantile business with John White and Lewis Evans, in what is now the corner drug store. He was interested in business at different times, the first firm being White, Evans & Ne'son; G. Nelson & Son; Nelson & Nelson; Nelson & Decker; Nelson & Holmen Hardware Co.; Nelson Bros.; Nelson Mercantile Co.; Nelson Mercantile Co. & Netz.

He was register of deeds; represented Dodge county in the legislature; was clerk of the house of representatives; was a member of the State Equalization Board; was presidential elector; president of the village council; member of the school board; public spirited and leading citizen in political and social affairs.

B (II) 2. LEWIS G. NELSON, late of Owatonna, Minn., married Nellie See, daughter of Abner N. See and Julia Salina See. She was born Aug. 24th, 1852; died Aug. 9th, 1884. The children were: Claude, B (III) 1, born Aug. 6th, 1872; died Aug. 12th, 1872, and Nora Lillian, B (III) 2, born Dec. 14th, 1874; married to Edward Easton, born Aug. 15th, 1870, in Ontario, Canada.

Married the second time to Hattie Barlow, daughter of Augustus and Mrs. Barlow, of Dixon, Ill., born March 24th, 1851; died April 12th, 1888. There was one child, Lewis, B (III) 3, born July 6th, 1887; died Aug. 4th, 1887.

Married the third time to Etta Dibble, born May 21st, 1859, daughter of Daniel K. Dibble, born Dec. 8th, 1829, and his wife, Mary Chase Dibble, born Aug. 12th, 1831. Mr. Dibble died in Owatonna Jan. 24th, 1919, and Mrs. Dibble died in Owatonna Jan. 23rd, 1891. The children were Arthur, B (III) 4,

born June 6th, 1891; died Aug. 12th, 1891, and Laura Irene, B (III) 5, born March 7th, 1893. She was married to Lynn G. Haskin June 2nd, 1917; born at Pardeeville, Wis., April 2nd, 1892, a son of Don and Helen Haskin. He was superintendent of schools for eight years at Bloomer, Wis., now superintendent of schools at Sandwich, Ill. Their children are Patricia Chase, B (IV) 1, born July 13th, 1922, and John Winthrop, B (IV) 2, born Jan. 20th, 1925.

Nora's maternal grand father was Abner N. See, captain of Company C, 71st United States Infantry, in the Civil war, honorably discharged on account of disease, and died May 5th, 1865. His forefathers lived at Grafton, N. Y., before Revolutionary times. Her grand mother, Julia Selina See, was a daughter of George Pease, of Monroe county, New York. His family moved from the Connecticut colony to Saratoga county, New York, before the Revolution. Mrs. See died at White Plains, N. Y., April 13th, 1915. Nora was brought up by her grand mother and was married on April 10th, 1905, to Edgar Natrass Easton, born at Saint Mary's, Ontario, Canada, son of Robert Easton, of Grimsby, Lincolnshire, England, and Catherine Idle Easton, Hummanby, Yorkshire, England, daughter of John Idle, whose father was a land-holding squire of Yorkshire. Edgar is now in the office of the chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, New York City. They live at 6 Howard Place, White Plains, N. Y.

C (II) 3. ANDREW G. NELSON, born Rock River, Wis., March 17th, 1851. Came to Kasson in 1868, when seventeen years old, and commenced, on the 3rd of April, to work in the store of White & Nelson. We handled dry goods, groceries and drugs, and also had the post office. Attended Luther College about six months in winter of 1870-71, worked one summer for Dar. Keller in his store in the old Stevenson building, and two years for A. Holterman, and a couple of years for J. & A. E. Anderson. Worked one year for T. O. Hall in the insurance business, then bought the business, and ran that for a couple of years. Worked one year in Emerson Por-

ter's lumber yard. Put in and harvested a crop of grain near Marshall, Minn., then worked for A. Bradford, part of the time as manager of his store at Watertown, S. D. Managed my father-in-law's farm east of Kasson for two years. Spent one summer, 1883, helping my father-in-law getting settled near DeSmet, S. D., where I was master carpenter in building a large barn and addition to the house. Since that time I have been in the dry goods business, at first with L. G. and C. M. as partners, later with C. M. In 1891 we took in with us J. C. E. Holmen and bought out the dry goods business of J. Stene, at Kenyon; later we, that is, C. M. and I, went in with L. G. and bought a drug store at Owatonna. When the Nelson Mercantile Co. was incorporated in 1892, I was elected secretary, which office I held until the company's dissolution in 1917, when I bought what is known as the Kasson store, which I have conducted ever since. Until the last few years, I have held some minor office in the town, most of the time.

On July 9th, 1879, I was married, at the Hilton farm, to Mabel Isadore Hilton, daughter of Thomas Hilton and Julia Hatfield Hilton, born June 5th, 1853, at Niles, Mich. Her parents came to Kasson from Chicago in 1873 and located one and a half miles east of Kasson. The family are descendants of Lord Hilton, of Durham, England. They came to America in 1831. Another branch of the family came over a great many years before. Thomas Hilton was born in England on Mar. 21st, 1820, and died at DeSmet, S. D., on Nov. 10th, 1888. Julia, his wife, was the daughter of John and Margaret Hatfield, born at Lafayette, Ind., March 7th, 1832; died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Whiting, in Pierre, S. D., on Nov. 10th, 1891. Grandma Hatfield died at my home. There were nine children, eight of whom are living: Mabel Hilton Nelson, at Kasson; Eva Schroeder, at Seattle; Albert Hilton, at Long Beach, Calif.; Eleanor Whiting, at Pierre, S. D.; Sophie Owen, at Minneapolis; Edith Bradbury, at Duluth; Susie Selleck, at Onawa, Iowa, and Thomas Hilton, at Los Angeles.

The Hilton family are descendants of the first Baron of Hilton, to whom William the Conqueror, in return for military services rendered during the Conquest of 1066, gave the lands on which Hilton Castle is built. The Hiltons assisted in getting King John to sign the famous Magna Charta, June 15th, 1215, and were a powerful family in those days.

C (II) 3. Andrew G. Nelson and Mabel Hilton have four children: Walter Hilton, George Andrew, Howard Marcus and Clarence Leon.

C (III) 1. Walter Hilton, born on the Hilton farm, July 27th, 1880. Married on May 10th, 1905, to Katherine Kuntz, born in Switzerland on Jan. 15th, 1883. Children:

C (IV) 1. Donald, born July 27th, 1906; died April 29th, 1907.

C (IV) 2. Dorothy Matilda, born Aug. 6th, 1915.

Katherine's sisters are: Mrs. Chris Martig, Mattie La Rock and Lena Weeks, of Minneapolis, and Matilda Hurd, of Minot, N. D.

C (III) 2. George Andrew, of Enderlin, N. D., born on the Hilton farm Feb. 11th, 1882. Married on May 18th, 1909, at Enderlin, to Mary Klingbile, born at Muskota, Ontario, Canada, Aug. 4th, 1888, daughter of Julius Klingbile, born in Germany July 24th, 1846, and Mrs. Klingbile, born June 21st, 1854. Mr. Klingbile died May 10th, 1901. Children:

C (IV) 3. Lawrence Julius, born Aug. 24th, 1910.

C (IV) 4. George, Jr., born Oct. 25th, 1911.

C (IV) 5. Paul Millard, born Mar. 28th, 1915.

C (IV) 6. Ross Walter, born Feb. 3rd, 1917.

C (IV) 7. Robert Hilton, born Feb. 3rd, 1917.

George graduated as a dentist from the University of Minnesota, and settled at Enderlin, N. D., where he has resided ever since.

C (III) 3. Howard Marcus, of Blue Earth, Minn., born at Kasson, in the Shultes house, Aug.

30th, 1884. Married Mildred Morrison, of Granville, N. D., born July 2nd, 1892. Children:

C (IV) 8. Morris II., born Aug. 12th, 1913.

C (IV) 9. Howard, Jr., born Mar. 3rd, 1915.

C (IV) 10. Wayne, born Aug. 12th, 1920.

C (III) 4. Clarence Leon, of Kasson, Minn., born at the old home June 4th, 1891, married Annette Golberg Oct. 14th, 1912. She was born at Rock Dell, Minn., Aug. 3rd, 1892. Leon graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1914, located at Kasson as dentist. Annette's parents, Ole Golberg, born May 7, 1864, and Lovise Lee, born Sept. 17th, 1867. She died at Rock Dell Mar. 16th, 1904. Children:

C (IV) 11. Mabel Louise, born Nov. 7th, 1913.

C (IV) 12. Jean Elizabeth, born July 6th, 1917.

C (IV) 13. Marie Annette, born April 18th, 1920.

D (II) 4. CHRISTIAN MARTIN NELSON, born at Rock River, Wis., May 17th, 1853; died Feb. 27th, 1928. He came to Kasson with the family. We brought a team from Wisconsin and rented different pieces of land and C. M. would put in the crop. In the spring we bought a Wood's hand rake reaper and all hands joined in harvesting the crop. C. M. worked in a drug store at Rochester, and then in Nelson & Decker's store here. He was receiver for the bankrupt Sorenson stock of goods at Dodge Center, which finally became the foundation of the Nelson Mercantile Company. We traded the interest we had in a piece of railroad land near Marshall, Minn., for the remnant that was left of the Sorenson stock, intending to sell the goods and realize cash on our farm investment, but we found it was a paying proposition to continue and C. M. and Mina managed the business for a while. Later Mina went to Kenyon and A. G. came to help in the store. As time went on A. G. and C. M. became sole owners of this store. Later the Nelson Mercantile Company was organized in 1892, when the Kenyon, Owatonna and Kasson stores were merged.

When the Nelson Mercantile Company dissolved C. M. bought the Owatonna branch, which he has conducted until his death.

He married, the first time, Laura Dibble, Aug. 16th, 1886, born July 19th, 1862; died April 25th, 1891. They had three children, Vera, who died in infancy, Robert D. and Josephine Vivian.

D (III) 1. Vera Marie, born Jan. 8th, 1887; died Sept. 10th, 1887.

D (III) 2. Robert Dibble, born Sept. 14th, 1888; married Carol Clarkson at Owatonna June 29th, 1920. Children:

D (IV) 1. Robert William, born July 14th, 1921.

D (IV) 2. Carolyn Laura, born Mar. 14th, 1923.

D (IV) 3. David Marcus, born May 2nd, 1925.

D (IV) 4. Marjory May, born May 2nd, 1925.

D (IV) 5. James Lowell, born Nov. 16th, 1926.

Robert, after finishing school, worked in the store. Was a traveling salesman for a short time. Enlisted in the army, air service. A couple of years ago he, with his brother-in-law, bought a shoe stock which last year was moved into the basement of C. M.'s store, where Robert divides his time in managing the two departments.

D (III) 3. Josephine Vivian, born Feb. 14th, 1891. After finishing school was a kindergarten teacher for eight years. Married at Los Angeles, Calif., May 17th, 1922, to Charles Alexander LaPine, of Douglas, Ariz., born Sept. 30th, 1882, at Detroit, Mich. Son of Alexander and Louise LaPine. Moved to Owatonna in 1924. Charles has a daughter, by a former marriage, living in California; has been in poor health lately and is now at Tucson, Ariz., for his health. Children:

D (IV) 6. Charles Alexander, born Jan. 5th, 1924.

D (IV) 7. Robert Nelson, born July 11th, 1926.

Christian Martin married the second time Susie Throndsen Dec. 29th, 1896. She is the daughter of Bord E. Throndsen and wife, Oline, born Sept. 2nd, 1872, at Vernon, Minn. No children. Bro't up Mark Lee, born June 12th, 1905. He graduated from the University of Minnesota and is practicing as an engineering architect at Owatonna. Bord E. Throndsen, born Bergenstift, Norway, Mar. 6th, 1838; died July 1st, 1916. Oline Iverson Solvernes, born Sogn, Norway, Dec. 30th, 1841; died Mar. 6th, 1920.

E (II) 5. MARTHA NELSON LEUTHOLD was born at Rock River, Wis., Oct. 14th, 1856; died at Kasson Mar. 6th, 1907. After teaching school for a number of years she was married to Jacob Leuthold, Jr.

Jacob Leuthold attended Carlton College for a short time and then went into the clothing business when quite young, and with his brothers and sons is now interested in thirty clothing stores; is president of the National Bank of Dodge County, Bank of Hayfield and the First State Bank of Mantorville; also an extensive dealer in real estate.

E (II) 5. Martha and Jacob Leuthold had four children, two of whom died in infancy. The other two are, Ralph and Carlos. Martha had to leave when Carlos was only nine years old. She was loved and respected by every one who knew her, a noble woman, unselfish, unassuming and kind and greatly missed in the community.

E (III) 1. Arthur, born June 10th, 1889; died June 16th, 1889.

E (III) 2. Ralph Nelson, born Nov. 11th, 1881. Married Alma Beaver on Feb. 14th, 1912. She was born at Vernon, Minn., daughter of Tolly M. Beaver, born in Kongsberg, Norway, Nov. 9th, 1840, and Aaste Ajer, born April 16th, 1850. Mr. Beaver died at Kasson May 26th, 1926, and his wife died at Kasson December, 1908. Children:

E (IV) 1. Richard Leuthold, born Aug. 22nd, 1916.

E (IV) 2. Martha Esther Leuthold, born Feb. 12th, 1918.

A son died in infancy.

E (III) 3. Carlos, born Feb. 10th, 1898; married Mabel Mohn, of Red Wing, Minn., born Dec. 8th, 1900, daughter of Thomas Mohn and Edith Wheaton Mohn. Children:

E (IV) 3. Sarah Ann, born July 16th, 1923.

After Martha died, Jacob Leuthold married Lillian St. Aubin, of St. Paul, Minn., daughter of John Baptiste St. Aubin and Mary St. Aubin, who died Mar. 12th, 1927. Mr. St. Aubin was French Canadian and died in 1913.

F (II) 6. EMMA OLEANA NELSON, born Feb. 14th, 1859, at Rock River, near Oconomowoc, Wis. When she was nine years old she moved with her family to Kasson, Minn. A few months later they moved into the house which they had built facing west on Mantorville street (the first house in the fourth block north of Main street), where she lived, with the exception of about two years, when she moved to St. Paul in 1907. She worked as a dressmaker in Kasson for approximately ten years and then clerked in the Nelson Brothers' dry goods store. Feb. 14th, 1891, she was married to Samuel Lord at Kasson, Minn.

Samuel Lord was born in Marion, Olmsted county, Minn., Feb. 25th, 1859; died Sept. 1st, 1925, at St. Paul, Minn.

Samuel Lord was the son of Samuel Lord (who was a lawyer; member of the Minnesota legislature, 1857-1858; of the senate, 1865-1866-1869; county attorney of Dodge county, 1866-1868; judge of the Fifth Judicial district, 1871; re-elected 1878 and presided at the trial of and sentenced the Younger brothers) and Louisa Maria Compton.

He attended the public schools at Mantorville, Minn.; Carleton College, Northfield, Minn.; Shattuck

School, Faribault, Minn., and studied law in the office of C. D. Murray, Dunkirk, N. Y. He was admitted to the bar at Mantorville, Minn., Aug. 18th, 1885. He practiced law at Kasson, Minn., until appointed Tax Commissioner in 1907 and thereafter returned to try cases.

He was county attorney of Dodge county from 1886 to 1889 and was elected State Senator in 1898 and in 1902. He was a delegate at large to the National Republican convention at Philadelphia where he was elected chairman of the delegation. He was vice president of the National Tax Association, 1920-1921, and president of the association, 1921-1922, and a member of the Committee on Inheritance Tax Legislation. He was a member of the Minnesota Tax Commission from its creation in 1907 until his death in 1925.

Samuel Lord on both his father's and his mother's side was a descendant of old New England families. He was a "lineal descendant of Thomas Lord who with Joseph Hooker and a few other kindred spirits founded the city of Hartford, Conn." He was also a lineal descendant, on his mother's side, of Josiah Cleveland who went all through the Revolutionary war and fought under George Washington (Volume I of "The Genealogy of the Cleveland and Cleaveland families").

He has written an interesting account of the pioneer days in Mantorville and of his family life and home, called, "Recollections of Mantorville", a copy of which is in the Minnesota State Historical Society.

Children of Emma Oleana Nelson and Samuel Lord:

F (III) 1. Eleanor Lord, born July 6th, 1892.

F (III) 2. Anna Louisa Lord, born Mar. 6th, 1894.

F (III) 3. Samuel Lord, born May 26th, 1896.

Eleanor Lord was born July 6th, 1892, at Kasson, Minn.; moved to St. Paul in 1907; graduated

from St. Paul Central High school in 1910 and from Wheaton College, Norton, Mass., with B. A. degree in 1914; attended the University of Minnesota, 1915 and 1916, receiving a State Teachers certificate; taught in International Falls, 1916-1917..

She was married June 9th, 1918, to Alfred LeRoy Gausewitz, who was at the time in the United States Navy; went first to Philadelphia, Pa., where she was a clerk for the United States Land Army and the United States Shipping Board; then to Washington, D. C., where she was a clerk in the Chief Inspector's office of the United States Post Office Department, until the Armistice was signed.

Children of Eleanor Lord and Alfred LeRoy Gausewitz:

F (IV) 1. Alfred LeRoy, born April 7th, 1920, St. Paul, Minn.; died Oct. 1st, 1920, St. Paul, Minn.

F (IV) 2. Phillips Lord, born Oct. 26th, 1923, Owatonna, Minn.

F (IV) 3. Richard Lord, born June 4th, 1925, Owatonna, Minn.

Alfred LeRoy Gausewitz was born at Little Falls, Morrison county, Minn., Aug. 15th, 1893, son of William and Addie (LeRoy) Gausewitz; moved to Owatonna, Steele county, Minn., the next year where he was graduated from High school in 1911. Received degrees A. B. and LL.B., University of Minnesota, 1915 and 1917, and licensed to practice. In college was member of Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities; elected to Order of the Coif, honorary legal fraternity; president, student board of editors of Volume I of Minnesota Law Review; president, Academic Senior class. Employed in Federal Land Bank of St. Paul and practiced law in Minneapolis until May, 1918, when he enrolled in United States Navy Reserve Forces, Aviation Department. Received rating as quartermaster, second class, served Naval Gun Factory, Washington, D. C., and Naval Proving Grounds, Indian Head, Md., until discharged Nov. 12th, 1918, to accept a commission as first lieutenant, judge advocate, earned at a school

conducted in Washington. The Armistice having been signed, the commission was not accepted, and he returned to Minneapolis, opening a law office in January, 1919, at 519 Security Building. Associate counsel, Bureau of War Risk Insurance (now Veterans Bureau), at Washington, D. C., February to October, 1919; practiced law, 519 Security Building, Minneapolis, October, 1919, to September, 1920; convalesced in New Mexico and Arizona, 1920 to May, 1922; entered law partnership with F. W. Sawyer, as Sawyer & Gausewitz, at Owatonna, Minn., August, 1922; Samuel Lord entered partnership, which became Sawyer, Gausewitz & Lord, June 1st, 1925; health failed again August 15th, 1926, while in Miami, Fla., where he had accepted employment July 1st, 1926, on behalf of the law firm, which had been expected to give the family a year in Florida; returned to Minnesota for three months and then to Tucson, Arizona, where he is at present residing.

F (III) 2. ANNA LOUISA LORD was born March 6th, 1894, at Kasson, Minn. She attended grade school at Kasson and the Misses Loomis High School in St. Paul. She received her B. A. degree from Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., in 1918. For the past four years she has taught commercial work in the Minnesota Public Schools.

F (III) 3. Samuel Lord was born at Kasson, Dodge county, Minn., May 26th, 1896; moved to St. Paul in 1907; attended grade schools at Kasson and St. Paul and graduated from St. Paul Central High school in 1915; attended the University of Minnesota and received an LL.B. degree in 1921. He was admitted to the bar of Minnesota in 1921. In college he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and Phi Delta Phi fraternities. On April 26th, 1918, he entered the United States army and was enrolled in Company I, 351st Infantry, at Camp Dodge, Iowa; went overseas with his company on Aug. 15th, 1918; attended an Officers Training School at Langres, Haute-Marne, France, and received a commission of second lieutenant and assigned to general headquarters of the American Expeditionary Forces. He was discharged from the army at Camp Dix, New

Jersey, on July 16th, 1919. From Aug. 21st, 1921, to May 1st, 1925, he practiced law at Kasson, Minn. On May 1st, 1925, he entered into partnership with Francis W. Sawyer and Alfred L. Gausewitz, at Owatonna, Minn., under the firm name of Sawyer, Gausewitz & Lord.

G (II) 7. MINA LOUISE NELSON was born Aug. 11th, 1862, at Rock River, Wis.; married at Kasson, Minn., Jan. 23rd, 1888, to Julius Charles Emil Holmen, who was born at Linden, Wis., June 26th, 1857.

Mrs. Mina Louise Nelson Holmen was engaged as a helper in the store of her brothers, Andrew G. and C. M. Nelson, at Kasson, Minn., for several years and when the store at Kenyon was purchased from Mr. J. I. Stene she became the manager and continued as such during the thirty years existence of the Nelson Mercantile Company and a few years after its dissolution. The stock was small and business light when Mrs. Holmen took charge, but through hard work and good business ability she built it up to the largest and best business of its kind in Kenyon.

J. C. E. Holmen's parents were Hans I. A. Holmen and Mathilda Elise Orby. Mr. Holmen spent his early years in Rochester, Minn., and later became bookkeeper for the Monitor Plow Works of Minneapolis; then engaged in the hardware business with Mr. L. G. Nelson, at Kasson, Minn.; assistant cashier of the First National Bank at Kasson; then a partner with John G. Gunderson at Kenyon, Minn.; later, with A. G. Nelson and C. M. Nelson, purchased the dry goods stock of J. I. Stene. When the Nelson Mercantile Company was organized he was elected treasurer, and manager, with his wife, of the Kenyon store. He was cashier of the Citizens State Bank of Kenyon for thirty years, beginning in January, 1896, and after thirty years service was elected president of the bank, the position that he at present holds. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Holmen, viz:

G (III) 1. Helen Elaine Gunderson, born at Kasson, Minn., Feb. 17th, 1889.

G (III) 2. Gertrude Oline Watson, born at Kasson, Minn., Feb. 23rd, 1891.

G (III) 3. Carl Nelson Holmen, born at Kenyon, Minn., June 7th, 1894; died Mar. 13th, 1895.

G (III) 4. Alice Marguerite Holmen, born at Kenyon, Minn., June 29th, 1896.

Helen was married to Raymond T. Gunderson at Kenyon June 29th, 1912. Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Gunderson:

G (IV) 1. Theodore Holmen Gunderson, born Feb. 14th, 1915; died Sept. 9th, 1922.

G (IV) 2. Lois Elaine Gunderson, born Nov. 21st, 1916.

Gertrude was married to Wilkins T. Watson at Kenyon Dec. 26th, 1923. One child was born to them:

G (IV) 3. Lou Ellis, born at Rochester, Minn., Oct. 29th, 1924.

Raymond T. Gunderson was born June 16th, 1887, at Kenyon, Minn., and with his father, M. T. Gunderson, and brother, Byron, is engaged in the electrical business at Kenyon and several other towns in the surrounding country.

Wilkins T. Watson was born at Amherst, Va., July 11th, 1884, and is associated with the family in the dry goods business in Kenyon and is manager of the business.

Emma A. Holmen, sister of J. C. E. Holmen, was born at Hartland, Wis., June 30th, 1860; died at Kenyon, Minn., July 15th, 1926.

Marie C. O. Holmen, sister of J. C. E. Holmen, was born at Modom, Norway, Aug. 4th, 1844; died at Kenyon, Minn., April 27th, 1927.

Both these sisters had been closely identified with the Nelson family for many years up to the time of their deaths.

SOME RECOLLECTIONS

When we landed at Kasson, April 3rd, 1868, we found plenty of mud, but no sidewalks, except in front of the stores. The first few days we made our home with Halvor Tollefson's family, who lived in the second house east of the Botsford lumber yard. The first summer we lived in the square roofed house south of Martin Larson's feed barn. That summer we built the main part of the house where D. W. Brewer now lives. The one story part was on the place when we bought it. This was the parental home until all the children were married.

On our arrival in Kasson, I commenced to work as clerk in White & Nelson's store on the corner. Later we bought Wm. Dibble's stock and moved into the building where Louis Anderson's grocery store now is (then a wooden building) as G. Nelson & Son. This was closed out when Lewis was elected register of deeds.

Nelson Bros. commenced business by trading a farm we had an equity in, for a bankrupt stock owned by Mrs. Sorenson, of Dodge Center—L. G., A. G. and C. M., as partners. Later we took in J. C. E. Holmen in a partnership to buy out John Stene's store at Kenyon.

In time A. G. and C. M. bought out L. G.'s interest. Lewis, who had been in the grocery and drug business at the old corner again, with Chris Nelson and one time with Jim Decker as partners, sold out to Tollefson Bros., and bought out the hardware store in the Odd Fellows block, with J. C. E. Holmen for a partner, later buying Holmen's share when Holmen went to Kenyon.

In 1892 the Nelson Mercantile Company was incorporated with all the members of the family stockholders—L. G. Nelson, president; A. G. Nelson, secretary; C. M. Nelson, vice president, and J. C. E. Holmen, treasurer—with three stores, Kasson, Kenyon and a drug store at Owatonna. Later the drug store was sold to Netz, who had had an interest in

the store before he bought it, and a dry goods store was started, now owned by C. M. Nelson's heirs. The charter expiring in 1917, the three stores were sold, A. G. Nelson buying the Kasson store; C. M. Nelson, the Owatonna store, and Mina Holmen buying two-thirds and Walter and Howard Nelson one-third of the Kenyon store.

In 1910 I, with Walter and Howard, bought a store at Granville, N. D., where we did very well for a few years, but in 1916 we had a fire in which we lost nearly all we had in it.

C. M. and I helped Albert Hilton to start a store at Erwin, S. D., and after a few years we sold out to him.

In 1875 we bought the insurance business from T. O. Hall, conducted on the corner where the Rochester Gasoline Station now stands. This was not a good deal, as T. O. Hall, after he got the money, secretly advised some of the companies not to transfer the agency as he would continue to be their agent here. However, we did a pretty fair business for a couple of years and sold the business back to T. O. Hall.

Uncle Ole Tykesen, born 1825; married in 1850, Olava Olsen (Gomperud), a sister of Gabriel Olsen, late of Kasson. He came to Rock River, Wis., in 1846. He moved with his family in a prairie schooner in the eighties onto a claim in North Dakota, three miles west of what is now Minot. The nearest market at that time was Bismarck or Grand Forks. Twenty years or so ago he moved with his family to Bellingham, Wash., where he died April 14th, 1913. Four of his children are living—Amelia Jensen, Edward, Tomine Gasman and Julia Simonson.

Uncle Elling Tykeson and wife, Maria, came to America in 1845 and settled in Pierce county, Wisconsin. His wife died many years ago and he died a few years ago at Martel, Wis. They had two children, Marcus, a graduate of the University of Wisconsin Law School and for many years attorney for

the Twin City Rapid Transit Company at St. Paul. He died several years ago and his widow, Sylvia, now resides at Palo Alto, Calif. They have four children: Ruth, Elling, Philip and Mary. Uncle Elling's other child was a daughter, Mary, who is married.

Uncle Knut was in America for a visit about forty-five years ago. His daughter lives on Orvik, near Kragero. I made her a visit when in Norway. She is 79 years old. When Uncle Knut went back to Norway he made me a present of his violin.

Great Grand Father Knud Tykesen was born in 1760 and died in 1840. He was married on Jan. 11th, 1779. Children: Tyke, Thor, Knut, Else, Marie, Anna and August.

Else Gunleksen (Lonne), second cousin, married to Gabriel Olsen at Rock River, Wis. Gabriel bought our farm in Wisconsin when we left there. A few years later he sold it and bought a farm seven miles southwest of Kasson and in the eighties he sold that and bought the Barlow house, now owned by Levi Folkestad, where both he and his wife died. Children:

Julia Halvorsen, married on Jan. 11th, 1879, Charles Halvorsen, born Sept. 11th, 1850. He was a member of the Highway Commission and was appointed a member of the Board of Control. He died on June 25th, 1913, and Julia died July 11th, 1926. Their children are: Ella Josephine, Cora Elizabeth, Olga Beatrice, Effie Amanda, Charles Stanford and Walter.

Emma Owen, of Los Angeles, has one son, Sanford.

Ella Lieberg, died recently at Los Angeles. Had one son.

Ida Bruns, of Los Angeles, had one son who died some years ago.

John died at Grand Forks, N. D. One daughter, Agnes.

Edward lives at Sioux Falls, S. D., and has a son.

Martin, of Montevideo, Minn. Died at Marshall, Minn. One daughter.

Jorgen A. Thorsen, second cousin, born Dec. 12th, 1838, at Drangedal, Norway, son of Thor Knudsen Aakre. Attended Akerhus Seminary, 1860-1862; Arendal, 1862-1863; teacher, Kragero, 1863-1864; student at St. Louis, 1867-1869. He came to America in 1867. After graduating from St. Louis, he accepted a call from East and West St. Olaf congregations, where he served for about forty-seven years. In 1869 he married Bernet Haugen, of La Crosse, Wis., who died in 1881. The children are: Marie, Axel, August, Anna, Nels, Ella, Erika and Constance. Anna, born May 15th, 1876, married Haven Little, of Kasson, born Feb. 16th, 1876. They have two children, Constance, born Aug. 2nd, 1904, and David, born April 14th, 1916. Haven is a stockbuyer and real estate dealer. His parents are John Little and Ellen Rudd Little.

Jorgen Thorsen married a second time, Agnes Borreson, born April 8th, 1856. The children of the second marriage are: Helga, Matilda, Susanna, Adolph, Ragna, Herman, Valborg, Norman and Agnes. He died at St. Paul, Minn., on Oct. 22nd, 1924.

The ancestral home of the Thorsen family is at Aakre in Kjoslen, Drangedal.

Tyke Knutsen, married in 1759 to Anne Thorsen Osid.

Knut Tykesen born 1760, died 1840, married Anne Aasalfsen Tvit, born 1763, died 1818. Children: Tyke, Thor, Knut, Else, Marin, Anna, and Agnette.

Thor Knutsen Nos, born 1786; died 1854; married, first time, to Liv Pedersen Brosje, born 1789; died 1832. Children: Knut, Per, Thor, Live. Married, second time, to Marken Stinersen, born 1809. Children: Stener, Tyke, Jorgen, Marcus, Aasalf, Anna Marie and Torine. All are dead except Marcus.

Stener Thorsen came from Norway in 1853 and settled in Pierce county, Wisconsin, on a farm where

he lived until he died. I have not the family history. Children: Karen, Marie, Theodore, Clara, Edward, Amanda, Nora. He had two children by a second marriage.

Marcus Thorsen, born in Norway, July 9th, 1840. He attended Solom College, 1858 and 1859; teacher in Drangedal, 1859 to 1863, in Porsgrund, 1865 and 1866, and in Kragero, 1866 to 1871; attended Concordia College, St. Louis, 1872-1874; married Anna Haugen in 1874 and she died at River Falls, Wis. He accepted a call from Rush River and associated congregations near Martel, Wis., where he continued in the service of the church about forty-five years, until he retired. He is now living with his daughter, Mrs. Hagestad, at River Falls, Wis. His children are, Margreth, Adolph, Thalia, Elmer, Elma, Hauman.

Tyke died a few years after coming to America. Aasalf remained in Norway. Anne Marie married Berndt Baxseth, who died many years ago and she died at Seattle in 1926. Children: Elizabeth, Nels, Thora, Martha.

OCCUPATIONS AND ADDRESSES OF COUSINS AND HUSBANDS

Edgar Natrass Easton, No. 6 Howard Place, White Plains, N. Y. Clerk in office of the chairman of the Northern Pacific Railway Company, 34 Nassau St., New York City.

Lynn G. Haskin, superintendent of schools, Sandwich, Ill.

Walter Hilton Nelson, assistant manager A. G. Nelson's store, Kasson, Minn. Attended Mankato Commercial College a short time. Was clerk in Haugen's store at Brookings, S. D. Worked in the Kenyon store. Was in the dry goods business with Howard at Granville, N. D., until the store was burned. While in Dakota he spent 14 months on a claim.

George Andrew Nelson, Enderlin, N. D., dentist. Graduate of University of Minnesota.

Howard M. Nelson, Blue Earth, Minn. Attended Macalester College one year. Worked in the Kasson store for a while until he and Walter went to Granville, where they had a store. Spent 14 months on a claim and then came and worked in the Kenyon store until 1926. Since then managing a store at Blue Earth.

Clarence Leon Nelson, Kasson, Minn. Graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1914 and located a dentist's office at Kasson.

Robert D. Nelson, Owatonna, Minn. In the shoe business with his brother-in-law, Chas. LaPine, and manager of the Owatonna store.

Charles LaPine, Tucson, Ariz. Partner of R. D. Nelson, Owatonna. At present under the doctor's care at Tucson.

Ralph Nelson Leuthold, Kasson, Minn. Is associate manager and owner of the Leuthold Clothing Company at Kasson and partner in the Leuthold & Johnson store at Blue Earth, Minn.

Carlos Leuthold, Kenyon, Minn. Manager and partner with his father in the clothing business at Kenyon.

Ray Gunderson, Kenyon, Minn. Joint owner and manager of the electric light plant at Kenyon.

Wilkins Watson, Kenyon, Minn. Partner and manager of the Holmen & Watson dry goods store at Kenyon.

Alfred Gausewitz, Owatonna, Minn. Attorney-at-law at Owatonna but at present under the government doctor's care at Tucson, Ariz. Was with the navy during the war.

Samuel Lord, Owatonna, Minn. Attorney, associated with Messrs. Sawyer and Gausewitz at Owatonna and with Lee R. Rohrer at Kasson. Was with the United States forces in France.

THE NELSON FAMILY FROM 1378 'TO 1928

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Generations

1. Halvard On Roalstad. Letter about him, 1378.

2. Torbjorn Halvardsen Roalstad. Letter about him, 1393.

3. Halvard Torbjornsen, known as (Lord Halvard) Graatop. See "Gjerset's History of Norwegian People", Vol. 2, page 51, and "Olav Sannes' Drangedal and Turdal", page 302.

4. Torbjorn Halvardsen Roalstad. Letter about him, 1482 M. V.

5. Halvard Torbjornsen Roalstad. Letters, 1511-1539.

6. Torbjorn Halvardsen Roalstad. Letters, 1540.

7. Aslaug Halvardsen Roalstad, married to Jorgen Torvilsen, 1591. Children: Gunnar and Torbjorn.

8. Torbjorn Jorgensen Vrolstad, born 1584; died 1664. Married to Liv and later to Sigrid Bjornsen. Children, among others: Kari, married to Per Fineid. Liv married Knut Eilefsen Tvit, from Solberg.

9. Eilef Solberg married to Taran.

10. Knut Eilefsen Tvit, from Solberg, died 1670. Married to Liv Torbjornsen Vrolstad. Children: Olav, Tvit, Per, Brosje, Aasalf, Vaaje, Gunnar Naas and Sigrid, married to Tor Bjornsen.

11. Gunnar Knutsen Naas, from Tvit, died 1695. Married Dorte Tolefsen, born 1646, died 1702. Children: Knut, Marie and Liv.

12. Marie Gunnarsen Naas, married Lars Gunleksen. Children: Gunlek and Dorte, married to Per Grave.

13. Gunlek Larsen Naas, born 1715, died 1742. Married to Marie Ellingsen Vaaje, born 1709, died

1758. Children: Lars, Elling, Vaale, Gunnar, Vaaje.

14. Lars Gunleksen Naas, born 1733, died 1765. Married 1749 to Marie Nilsen Dal. Children: Nels and Anne, who married Per Lundried.

15. Nels Larsen Naas, born 1762. Married, second time. Marie Ellingsen Vaale, born 1778, died 1809. Children: Gunnar Naas, born 1802, died 1872.

16. Gunnar Nelson Naas married, first time, to Kjersti Marie Dahl. Children: Nels and Marie Torine. Married, second time, to Karen Marie Pedersen Veffal, who died April 25th, 1837. Married, third time, to Asberg Oline Tygesen Naas, born 1819, died 1912. Children: Lewis, Kjersti, Karen Marie, Kjersti Marie, Andrew, Christian Martin, Martha, Emma and Mina.

Seventeenth Generation

A (II) 1. Nels Gunderson Naas married to Anne Corfeld. Had ten children, of whom only two survive (see Wisconsin list).

Lewis G. Nelson, born May 9th, 1841; died Aug. 21st, 1906. Married, the first time, Nellie See, born Aug. 24th, 1852; died Aug. 9th, 1884. Married, the second time, Hattie Barlow, born Mar. 24th, 1851; died April 12th, 1888. Married, the third time, Etta Dibble, born May 21st, 1859.

Andrew G. Nelson, born Mar. 17th, 1851. Married Mabel Isadore Hilton, born June 5th, 1853.

Christian Martin Nelson, born May 17th, 1853. Married, the first time, Laura Dibble. Married, the second time, Susie Throndsen.

Martha Nelson, born Oct. 18th, 1856; died Mar. 6th, 1907. Married to Jacob Leuthold.

Emma Oleana Nelson, born Feb. 14th, 1859. Married to Samuel Lord.

Mina Nelson, born Aug. 11th, 1861. Married to Julius Charles Emil Holmen.

Eighteenth Generation—Grandchildren

- A (III) 1. Caspara, 1862-1901.
- A (III) 2. Ella, 1864-1897.
- A (III) 3. Nellie, 1866-1910.
- A (III) 4. Gunder, 1868-
- A (III) 5. Olaf, 1870-1870.
- A (III) 6. Asper, 1871-1877.
- A (III) 7. Tina, 1874-1896.
- A (III) 8. Nicholas, 1876-
- A (III) 9. Nettie, 1879-1905.
- A (III) 10. Alma, 1881-1884.
- B (III) 1. Claude S., born June 7th, 1871; died Aug. 9th, 1871. Nellie's child.
- B (III) 2. Nora Lillian, born Dec. 14th, 1874. Nellie's child.
- B (III) 3. Lewis, born July 6th, 1887; died Aug. 4th, 1887. Hattie's child.
- B (III) 4. Arthur Ray, born June 7th, 1891; died Aug. 12th, 1891. Etta's child.
- B (III) 5. Laura Irene, born Mar. 7th, 1893. Etta's child.
- C (III) 1. Walter Hilton, born July 27th, 1880.
- C (III) 2. George A., born Feb. 11th, 1882.
- C (III) 3. Howard M., born Aug. 30th, 1884.
- C (III) 4. Clarence Leon, born June 4th, 1891.
- D (III) 1. Vera, died in infancy, Sept. 10th, 1887.
- D (III) 2. Robert D., born Sept. 14th, 1888.
- D (III) 3. Josephine, born Feb. 14th, 1891.
- E (III) 1. Arthur, died in infancy.
- E (III) 2. Ralph Nelson, born Nov. 11th, 1881.
- E (III) 3. Son, died in infancy.
- E (III) 4. Carlos, born Sept. 10th, 1898.
- F (III) 1. Eleanor, born July 6th, 1892.
- F (III) 2. Anna, born Mar. 6th, 1894.

- F (III) 3. Samuel, born May 26th, 1896.
- G (III) 1. Helen, born Feb. 17th, 1889.
- G (III) 2. Gertrude, born Feb. 23rd, 1891.
- G (III) 3. Carl Nelson, born June 7th, 1891;
died Mar. 13th, 1895.
- G (III) 4. Alice Marguerite, born June 9th,
1896.

Nineteenth Generation—Great Grandchildren

- A (IV) 1. Timon N., born Oct. 24th, 1890.
- A (IV) 2. Alvin M., born Jan. 14th, 1893.
- A (IV) 3. Vilas L., born Feb. 15th, 1895.
- A (IV) 4. Carlyle A., born June 17th, 1897.
- A (IV) 5. Rollin A., born June 12, 1899.
- A (IV) 6. Laurene J., born Oct. 16th, 1901.
- A (IV) 7. Annie A., born Dec. 16th, 1887;
died 1900.
- A (IV) 8. Harvey N., born April, 1890.
- A (IV) 9. Walter A., born July 2nd, 1892.
- A (IV) 10. Alfred N., born Jan. 26th, 1896.
- A (IV) 11. Ellsworth M., born April 18th,
1897.
- A (IV) 12. Alma A., born Aug. 2nd, 1890;
died May 11th, 1905.
- A (IV) 13. Herbert N., born May 7th, 1892.
- A (IV) 14. Raymond C., born Aug. 15th,
1896.
- A (IV) 15. Vera E., born Nov. 23rd, 1899.
- A (IV) 16. Earl H., born Mar. 14, 1902; died
March, 1902.
- A (IV) 17. Sylvia A., born June 13th, 1902.
- A (IV) 18. Norris J., born Dec. 15th, 1905;
died Dec. 25th, 1905.
- A (IV) 19. La Vergne L., born May 17th,
1908; died Mar. 22nd, 1925.
- A (IV) 20. Robert G., born Oct. 3rd, 1915.

A (IV) 21. Frances M. C., born Sept. 7th, 1901.

B (IV) 1. Patricia Chase, born July 13th, 1922.

B (IV) 2. John Winthrop, born Jan. 20th, 1925.

C (IV) 1. Donald, born July 27th, 1906; died April 29th, 1907.

C (IV) 2. Dorothy, born Aug. 5th, 1915.

C (IV) 3. Lawrence, born Aug. 24th, 1910.

C (IV) 4. George, Jr., born Oct. 25th, 1911.

C (IV) 5. Paul, born Mar. 28th, 1915.

C (IV) 6. Ross, born Feb. 3rd, 1917.

C (IV) 7. Robert, born Feb. 3rd, 1917.

C (IV) 8. Morris H., born Aug. 12th, 1913.

C (IV) 9. Howard, Jr., born Mar. 3rd, 1915.

C (IV) 10. Wayne, born Aug. 12th, 1920.

C (IV) 11. Mabel Louise, born Nov. 7th, 1913.

C (IV) 12. Jean Elizabeth, born July 6th, 1917.

C (IV) 13. Marie Annette, born April 18th, 1920.

D (IV) 1. Robert William, born June 14th, 1921.

D (IV) 2. Carolyn Laura, born Mar. 14th, 1923.

D (IV) 3. David Marcus, born May 2nd, 1925.

D (IV) 4. Marjory May, born May 2nd, 1925.

D (IV) 5. James Lowell, born Nov. 16th, 1926.

D (IV) 6. Charles Alexander, born Jan. 5th, 1924.

D (IV) 7. Robert Nelson, July 11th, 1926.

E (IV) 1. Richard J., born Aug. 22nd, 1914.

E (IV) 2. Martha Esther, born Feb. 12th, 1918.

E (IV) 3. Sarah Ann, born July 16th, 1923.

F (IV) 1. Alfred Leroy, born April 7th, 1920; died Oct. 1st, 1920.

F (IV) 2. Phillips Lord, born Oct. 26th, 1923.

F (IV) 3. Richard Lord, born June 4th, 1925.

G (IV) 1. Theodore Holmen, born Feb. 14th, 1915; died Sept. 9th, 1922.

G (IV) 2. Lois Elaine, born Nov. 21st, 1916.

G (IV) 3. Lou Ellis, born Oct. 29th, 1924.

Twentieth Generation—Great Great Grandchildren

A (V) 1. Lois Annette, born Sept. 7th, 1925.

A (V) 2. Nathaniel, born Oct. 6th, 1920.

A (V) 3. Richard, born Feb. 7th, 1926.

A (V) 4. Peter Davis.

A (V) 5. Carol, born in August, 1925.

A (V) 6. Rodney, born Feb. 12th, 1928.

A (V) 7. Raymond, born in 1926.

A (V) 8. Jean Marie, born Feb. 6th, 1928.

A (V) 9. Marjory Elaine, born April 7th, 1926.

For further information about Lord Halvard Graatop, one of the prominent characters in the early history of the family, see "Gjerset's History of the Norwegian People," page 51, and "Olav Sannes' Drangedal and Turdal," page 302 and following.

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Names of the
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TIMON RASMUSSEN.....	{	LOIS A. RASMUSSEN
Alvina Solveson.....	}	
ALVIN M. RASMUSSEN.....	{	NATHANIEL RASMUSSEN
Genevieve Bonnany.....	}	
VILAS L. RASMUSSEN.....	{	RICHARD RASMUSSEN
Gladys Peterson.....	}	PETER D. RASMUSSEN
CARLYLE A. RASMUSSEN....	{	
Verna Schubel.....	}	
ROLLIN RASMUSSEN		
LAURENE J. RASMUSSEN....	{	CAROL MIKELSON
Rudolph Mikelson.....	}	RODNEY MIKELSON
ANNIE A. SOLVESON		
HARVEY N. SOLVESON		
WALTER A. SOLVESON.....	{	
Alice Thorstensen.....	}	
ALFRED N. SOLVESON.....	{	
Grace Wyland.....	}	
ELLSWORTH M. SOLVESON		
ALMA A. ROSWELL*		
HERBERT N. ROSWELL.....	{	
Alice Callahan.....	}	
RAYMOND C. ROSWELL.....	{	RAYMOND ROSWELL
Grace Evans.....	}	JEAN MARIE ROSWELL
VERA E. ROSWELL.....	{	
Dr. Russell La Bier.....	}	
EARL H. ROSWELL		
SYLVIA A. GUNDERSON.....	{	MARJORY E. SORENSON
Alfred Sorenson.....	}	
NORRIS J. GUNDERSON		
LAVERGNE L. GUNDERSON		

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NELSON FAMILY TREE

Names of the members of the family by descent are printed in capital letters. Names of the persons married into the family are printed in small letters.

GUNDER NELSON (NAAS) { NELS GUNDERSON
KJERSTI MARIE (DAHL). { (NAAS).....
Anne Corfeld.....

GUNDER NELSON (NAAS) { No Children.
KAREN MARIE WEFALD. {

GUNDER NELSON (NAAS) {
ASBERG TYKESEN..... {

LEWIS G. NELSON..... {
Nellie See..... {

LEWIS G. NELSON..... {
Hattie Barlow {

LEWIS G. NELSON..... {
Etta Dibble..... {

ANDREW G. NELSON..... {
Mabel I. Hilton..... {

CHRISTIAN M. NELSON.. {
Laura Dibble..... {

CHRISTIAN M. NELSON.. {
Susie Throndsen {

MARTHA NELSON..... {
Jacob Leuthold {

EMMA O. NELSON..... {
Samuel Lord..... {

MINA L. NELSON..... {
Julius C. E. Holmen..... {

CASPARA GUNDERSON..... {
Otto Rasmussen..... {

ELLA GUNDERSON..... {
Edward Solveson..... {

NELLIE GUNDERSON..... {
Otto Solveson..... {

GUNDER GUNDERSON..... {
Ida Johnson..... {

OLAF GUNDERSON
ASPER GUNDERSON
TINA GUNDERSON

NICHOLAS GUNDERSON..... {
Ruth Gray..... {

NETTIE GUNDERSON..... {
Ellis Rasmussen..... {

ALMA GUNDERSON

TIMON RASMUSSEN..... {
Alvina Solveson..... {
ALVIN M. RASMUSSEN..... {
Genevieve Bonnany..... {
NATHANIEL RASMUSSEN
VILAS L. RASMUSSEN..... {
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LAVERGNE L. GUNDERSON

CLAUDE NELSON
NORA LILLIAN NELSON..... {
Edward Easton..... {

LEWIS NELSON

ARTHUR NELSON
LAURA NELSON..... {
Lynn Haskin..... {
PATRICIA HASKIN
JOHN HASKIN
WALTER H. NELSON..... {
Katherine Kuntz..... {
DONALD NELSON
DOROTHY NELSON
LAWRENCE NELSON
GEORGE NELSON, JR.
PAUL NELSON
ROSS NELSON
ROBERT NELSON
HOWARD M. NELSON..... {
Mildred Morrison..... {
MORRIS NELSON
HOWARD NELSON, JR.
WAYNE NELSON
CLARENCE LEON NELSON.. {
Annette Golberg..... {
MABEL LOUISE NELSON
JEAN NELSON
MARY ANNETTE NELSON
VERA NELSON
ROBERT NELSON..... {
Carol Clarkson..... {
ROBERT WM. NELSON
CAROLYN L. NELSON
DAVID MARCUS NELSON
MARJORY MAY NELSON
JAMES LOWELL NELSON
JOSEPHINE NELSON..... {
Charles LaPine..... {
CHARLES A. LAPINE
ROBERT N. LAPINE

ARTHUR N. LEUTHOLD
RALPH N. LEUTHOLD..... {
Alma Beaver..... {
RICHARD LEUTHOLD
MARTHA E. LEUTHOLD
CARLOS LEUTHOLD..... {
Mabel Mohn..... {
SARAH ANN LEUTHOLD
ELEANOR LORD..... {
Alfred Gausewitz..... {
ANNA LOUISA LORD
SAMUEL LORD, JR.
ALFRED L. GAUSEWITZ
PHILIPS L. GAUSEWITZ
RICHARD L. GAUSEWITZ

HELEN HOLMEN..... {
Raymond Gunderson..... {
THEODORE GUNDERSON
LOIS GUNDERSON
GERTRUDE HOLMEN..... {
Wilkins Watson..... {
LOU ELLIS WATSON
CARL NELSON HOLMEN
ALICE M. HOLMEN

*The children of Otto and Nellie Solveson adopted the farm name of "Roswell".

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